

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lake County

OHIO EPA AND US EPA ISSUE DRAFT RENEWAL HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT TO THE LUBRIZOL CORPORATION, PAINESVILLE, OHIO

On December 18, 2003, Ohio EPA and USEPA issued a draft renewal Hazardous Waste Facility Installation and Operation Permit (Permit) to The Lubrizol Corporation (Lubrizol) for its facility at 155 Freedom Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077. The EPA Identification Number for this facility is OHD004172623.

Why does Lubrizol need a Permit?

The Lubrizol Corp. in Painesville is engaged in the manufacture of lubricant additives, fuel additives, and other speciality chemicals related to the transportation industry. From these activities, hazardous waste is generated. Lubrizol is authorized to store and treat hazardous waste in tanks, and treat hazardous waste by incineration. The draft renewal Permit contains the conditions under which the facility must operate if the Permit receives final approval. To issue this draft Permit, Ohio EPA determined that the Permit application is complete and meets appropriate standards and that the applicant has a history of compliance with relevant environmental laws and demonstrates sufficient reliability, expertise and competency to operate a hazardous waste facility under Chapters 3704. and 6111. of the Revised Code, all rules and standards adopted under them, and terms and conditions of a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit, given the potential for harm to the public health and safety and the environment that could result from the irresponsible operation of the facility. When issued, the renewal Permit will allow Lubrizol to continue to store and treat hazardous waste in tanks and treat hazardous waste by incineration. It will also require Lubrizol to investigate and, if necessary, clean up any contamination from hazardous wastes or constituents that may be at the facility. Details about this draft action can be viewed on Ohio EPA's website under Stakeholders Involvement at <http://web.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/>

Some RCRA regulations have not been authorized in the state of Ohio, therefore US EPA must issue a permit to cover those regulations. Lubrizol's complete RCRA permit is comprised of both the US EPA and Ohio EPA permits.

How can I tell Ohio EPA and US EPA what I think about this draft Permit?

You can attend the public meeting and present your comments in person or submit written comments that are clear, concise, and well documented. Or, you are welcome to do both. Everyone who wants to comment at the public meeting will be allowed to speak. You should limit your presentation to five minutes and, if possible, submit a written copy of your comments to US EPA and Ohio EPA at the meeting.

When and where will Ohio EPA and US EPA hold a Public Meeting?

Ohio EPA and US EPA will hold a public meeting on January 22, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the ***Hobart Middle School Library***, 200 West Walnut Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

When and how do I submit written comments?

You can submit written comments anytime between December 19, 2003 and February 2, 2004. Send your comments to Ohio EPA, Division of Hazardous Waste Management, Attn: Regulatory and Information Services, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, telephone number (614) 644-2977, fax number (614) 728-1245, e-mail: dhwmcomments@epa.state.oh.us. You can submit written comments about the US EPA portion of the draft permit to John Gaitskill, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Waste Management Division, DW-8J, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, fax number (312) 353-4788, or email: gaitskill.john@epa.gov

Where can I review the Permit Application and draft renewal Permit?

You can review these at one of the following locations:

Morley Public Library, 184 Phelps Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077, tel: (440) 352-3383;

Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087, tel: (330) 963-1200;

Ohio EPA, Division of Hazardous Waste Management, 122 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, tel: (614) 644-2917; and,

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Waste Management Division, DW-8J, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. Call John Gaitskill at (312) 886-6795 to make arrangements to view the documents.

What will Ohio EPA and US EPA do with the comments?

After carefully considering public comments, Ohio EPA and US EPA will reconsider the draft Permit, making any necessary changes, and issue or deny the final Permit. Ohio EPA and US EPA will issue a "response to public comments," specifying any changes made to the draft Permit. If you commented on the draft Permit, Ohio EPA and US EPA will send you a copy of the "response to public comments" and the final permit decision.